

Tuesday Morning

DATELINE WASHINGTON

Week of July 4, 2000

USDA Announces 2000-2001 Reimbursement Rates - USDA has released the reimbursement rates for school meals for next year. The rates take effect on July 1. Due to the rounding formula included in 1998's reauthorization bill, the Section 4 reimbursement rate for all meals will not reflect any change, staying at 19¢ for districts with less than 60 percent free and reduced price and 21¢ for those over 60 percent. The rate did increase, but not enough to raise it to the next whole cent as required by law. The higher, fractional rate will be used when calculating next year's rates and should result in an increase in the Section 4 reimbursement at that time. Free and reduced price reimbursement rates (Section 11) are increasing by 4¢.

View the Complete Rate Schedule

Study Shows Harmful Effects of Soda on Bone Health in Adolescent Girls -

A recent Harvard University study investigated the effects of soda on bone health in adolescent girls. The study compiled data from 460 ninth and tenth grade girls who filled out a questionnaire on physical activity, soda consumption and bone fractures. Girls who drank soda were three times as likely to report having a broken bone than those who did not. The risk increased to five times for girls who drank sodas regularly.

Seventeen More Representatives Sign on to Commodity Bill - At press time, seventeen more representatives have signed on to cosponsor the Emergency Commodity Distribution Act of 2000 (H.R. 3614). These representatives have joined 43 other cosponsors.

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| • Bob Filner (D-Calif.) | • Jay Inslee (D-Va.) |
| • Cynthia McKinney (D-Ga.) | • Barney Frank (D-Mass.) |
| • Owen B. Pickett (D-Va.) | • Robert B. Aderholt (R-Ala.) |
| • Charles F. Bass (R-N.H.) | • Christopher Shays (R-Conn.) |
| • James E. Clyburn (D-S.C.) | • Nick Lampson (D-Texas) |
| • Calvin M. Dooley (D-Calif.) | • Sam Gejdenson (D-Conn.) |
| • Maurice Hinchey (D-N.Y.) | • Rosa L. DeLauro (D-Conn.) |
| • Nancy L. Johnson (R-Conn.) | • John B. Larson (D-Conn.) |
| • Rick Boucher (D-Va.) | |

The complete list of cosponsors can be obtained through the THOMAS Web site. Enter H.R. 3614 in the bill number box.

Tuesday Morning Goes Online - Starting August 1, 2000 Tuesday Morning will become an Internet only publication. Currently the online version of Tuesday Morning is only available to subscribers of the ASFSA Connection. Beginning August 1, all information will be integrated into the new ASFSA Public Site, Your Child Nutrition e-Source. The staff of Tuesday Morning thanks its loyal readers and looks forward to continuing to use the World Wide Web to provide you with the same excellent coverage of legislative issues.

Due to the ASFSA Annual National Conference this month, the last printed edition of Tuesday Morning will be July 11. There will not be an online edition until August 1, but the staff will continue to offer legislative news updates from the conference.